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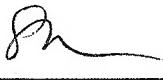
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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified matter, Applicant respectfully submits an Information Disclosure Statement for references recently cited in an Office Action for a corresponding French Patent Application. Although the above-identified matter is currently on appeal, Applicant herewith files the Information Disclosure Statement in order to preserve the ability to certify that the cited references were provided within three (3) months of their first coming to the Applicant's knowledge.

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